

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-19 and 26-30 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

20. (Amended) A fiber optic cable binder comprising:

a flexible material; and

a physically detectable feature within the flexible material,

wherein said physically detectable feature is detected by an automated detection system during installation of said binder.

21. (Amended) The fiber optic cable binder of Claim 20, wherein said detectable feature is repeated at a regular interval along a length of said binder.

22. (Amended) The fiber optic cable binder of Claim 20, wherein the physically detectable feature is a fluorescing element.

23. (Amended) The fiber optic cable binder of Claim 20, wherein the physically detectable feature is a color.

24. (Amended) The fiber optic cable binder of Claim 20, wherein the physically detectable feature is a magnetic or metal strip.

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25. (Amended) The fiber optic cable binder of Claim 20, wherein the physically detectable feature is an identifiable marking.

Please add the following new claims:

31 (New) A fiber optic cable comprising the binder set forth in claim 20.

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32. (New) A fiber optic cable binder comprising:
a flexible material; and
a physically detectable feature positioned on the flexible material,
wherein said physically detectable feature is detected by an automated detection system during installation of said binder.

33. (New) The fiber optic cable binder of Claim 32, wherein said detectable feature is repeated at a regular interval along a length of said binder.

34. (New) The fiber optic cable binder of Claim 32, wherein the physically detectable feature is a fluorescing element.

35. (New) The fiber optic cable binder of Claim 32, wherein the physically detectable feature is a color.

36. (New) The fiber optic cable binder of Claim 32, wherein the physically detectable feature is a magnetic or metal strip.

37. (New) The fiber optic cable binder of Claim 32, wherein the physically detectable feature is an identifiable marking.

38. (New) A fiber optic cable comprising the binder of claim 32.

39. (New) A fiber optic cable, comprising:

an outer jacket;

at least one optical fiber within said outer jacket; and

a binder positioned between said at least one optical fiber and said outer jacket, wherein said binder comprises:

a flexible material; and

a plurality of physically detectable features which are positioned at least

one of on and within said flexible material,

wherein said plurality of physically detectable features are detected by an

automated detection system during manufacture of said cable.

40. (New) The fiber optic cable of Claim 39, wherein said detectable feature is repeated at a regular interval along a length of said binder.

41. (New) The fiber optic cable of Claim 39, wherein the physically detectable feature is a fluorescing element.

42. (New) The fiber optic cable of Claim 39, wherein the physically detectable feature is a color.

43. (New) The fiber optic cable of Claim 39, wherein the physically detectable feature is a magnetic or metal strip.

44. (New) The fiber optic cable of Claim 39, wherein the physically detectable feature is an identifiable marking.

45. (New) A fiber optic cable binder, comprising:
a flexible material; and
a plurality of physically detectable features which are positioned at least one of on and within said flexible material,
wherein said plurality of physically detectable features are detected by an automated detection system during manufacture of said cable.

46. (New) The fiber optic cable binder of Claim 45, wherein said plurality of detectable features are repeated at a regular interval along a length of said binder.

47. (New) The fiber optic cable binder of Claim 45, wherein the physically detectable features are a fluorescing element.

48. (New) The fiber optic cable binder of Claim 45, wherein the physically detectable features are a color.

49. (New) The fiber optic cable binder of Claim 45, wherein the physically detectable features are a magnetic or metal strip.

50. (New) The fiber optic cable binder of Claim 45, wherein the physically detectable features are an identifiable marking.

51. (New) A fiber optic cable comprising the binder of claim 45.